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TWO NEW BUTTERFLIES FROM THE ADMIRALTY
ISLANDS¹

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Messrs. Warren H. Wagner, Jr., and David F. Grether in the course of a number of visits to the Admiralty Islands in 1944 and 1945 made extensive collections of the local butterflies on Manus, Los Negros, and Lou Islands. There are no published records of any species from either Los Negros or Lou.

Among the rather numerous additions to the known butterfly fauna of the Admiralty Islands are the two interesting local races the descriptions of which follow. Both will be figured in the report on the butterflies of the Admiralties soon to be published by Messrs. Wagner and Grether.

Hypolimnas antilope wagneri, subsp. nov.

Description: This subspecies resembles *H. a. antilope*, but the fore wings have a broad light brownish patch 4-6 mm. wide contrasting with the darker brown general ground color which extends from just beyond the middle of the costal border to the middle of the outer border; the hind wings have a broad light border shading into the darker base; fore wings 31-36 mm. long.

Type: No. 57958 U. S. National Museum, male, from Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, collected by W. H. Wagner, Jr., and D. F. Grether on November 16, 1944. In addition to the holotype there are two male cotypes, one from Los Negros, November 11, 1945, and one from the Drangot River, Manus, November 14, 1945.

Hypolimnas pithoea gretheri, subsp. nov.

Description: This subspecies resembles *H. p. unicolor* from the Solomon Islands but is much darker—blackish; there is a submarginal row of white dots on both wings, one in each interspace, the dots on the fore wings being slightly larger than those on the hind wings, the most anterior the largest; fore wings 41-42 mm. long.

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Type: No. 57959 U. S. National Museum, male, from Lou Island, Admiralty Islands, collected by W. H. Wagner, Jr., and D. F. Grether on November 16, 1945. In addition to the holotype there is a male cotype taken at the same place on the same date.

Note: For comparison with this new subspecies there is available in the National Museum a long series of *H. p. unicolor* from Lunga, Guadalcanal, collected and presented by James Paul Burke, and a single specimen from Kukum Ridge, Guadalcanal, collected by W. H. Wagner, Jr., and J. W. Perry on June 8, 1945.